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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to applicant's amendment received on 3/26/01 and 10/29/01.

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 12-18 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in Paper No. 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Clark. Clark discloses (Fig. 1-10) the invention including a workpiece-transfer device, a material workpiece, a workpiece-machining device 13, a machined product workpiece, movement means 20, a traveling body, a first direction x, a second direction y, a gripping means 21, a product housing section 51 and material-housing section 50.
- Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lockert.
 Lockert discloses (Fig. 1-12) the invention including a workpiece-transfer device,
 a material workpiece, a workpiece-machining device 131, a machined product

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workpiece, movement means with rectangular coordinate system, a traveling body 26, a first direction, a second direction, a gripping means 52, a product housing section and material-housing section.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant argues that Lockert doesn't disclose "a product housing section and material-housing section". Terms "a product housing section and material-housing section" are considered names that do not define any specific structure. Lockert discloses a product housing section and material-housing section (13, 14).

Conclusion

- 5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Pol et al., Hanaya and Martin et al. are cited to show related device.
- 6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Omar Flores-Sánchez whose telephone number is (703) 308-0167. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shoap Allan can be reached on (703) 308-2187. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-3579 for regular communications and (703) 305-3579 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.

ofs December 19, 2001

KENNETH E. PETERSON PRIMARY EXAMINER